

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Michael Austin
Application No.:	09/966686
Filed:	October 1, 2001
For:	A Method and Apparatus for Contracting, Loading or Crimping Self-Expanding and Balloon Expandable Stent Devices
Examiner:	Marc Jimenez
Group Art Unit:	3726

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No: S63.2N-7405-US02

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioners, **SciMed Life Systems, Inc.**, hereby request a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002. Please charge the petition fee of \$930.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

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Respectfully submitted,
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